

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-32 (Cancelled)
33. (original) A portable electronic device comprising:
a host unit, including a display; and

a keyboard module selectively connected to said host unit and including at least one group of keys, and said keyboard module being moveable between at least two allowable positions with respect to said host unit, and a holding mechanism to detachably hold the keyboard module to the host unit.
34. (original) The device of claim 33 further comprising a position sensing mechanism, said position sensing mechanism being mounted on at least one of said host unit, said keyboard module, and said holding mechanism and outputting a position signal to said host unit corresponding to one of said at least two allowable positions such that said host unit adapts a display content of said display in response to said position signal.
35. (original) The device of claim 34 wherein said position sensing mechanism comprises an electrical connector and at least one mating connector provided between the host unit and keyboard module, which carry power to operate said keyboard module and carry input and output signals between said keyboard module and said host unit.
36. (original) The device of claim 33 wherein said holding mechanism releases said keyboard module from said host unit when said keyboard module is attached thereto, and the device is subjected to an impact that may otherwise damage said device.

37. (original) The device of claim 33 wherein said keyboard module includes a power source and a wireless input/output link to communicate with said host unit.

38. (original) The device of claim 33 wherein said host unit conforms to one of a hand-held form factor and a tablet form factor.

39. (original) A portable electronic device comprising:

a host unit, including a display; and

a keyboard module connected to said host unit and including at least one group of keys, and said keyboard module being moveable between at least two allowable positions with respect to said host unit, wherein a first allowable position of said at least two allowable positions results in said keyboard module substantially covering said display, and having a position sensing mechanism comprising an electrical connector mounted on said host unit or said holding mechanism and at least one mating connector mounted on said keyboard module, said electrical connector and said at least one mating connector engaging and disengaging with each other as said keyboard module moves between said at least two allowable positions.

40. (new) A portable, digital electronic device, said device comprising:

a host unit, including a display; and

a keyboard module connected to said host unit and including at least one group of keys, and said keyboard module being moveable between at least two allowable positions with respect to said host unit, wherein a first allowable position of said at least two allowable positions results in said keyboard module substantially covering said display, and wherein a second allowable position of said at least two allowable positions results in said display being at least partially exposed, wherein the display content on the display is adapted to the exposed portion of the display, and having a

- holding mechanism to securely and detachably hold said keyboard module to said host unit in one of said at least two allowable positions.
41. (new) The device of claim 40 further comprising a position sensing mechanism, said position sensing mechanism being mounted on at least one of said host unit, said keyboard module, and outputting a position signal to said host unit corresponding to one of said at least two allowable positions such that said host unit adapts a display content of said display in response to said position signal.
42. (new) The device of claim 41 wherein said position sensing mechanism comprises an electrical connector mounted on a front side of said host unit and at least one mating connector mounted on a back side of said keyboard module and facing said front side of said host unit, said electrical connector and said at least one mating connector engaging and disengaging with each other as said keyboard module moves between said at least two allowable positions.
43. (new) The device of claim 42 wherein a number of said at least one mating connector is three and wherein each of said three mating connectors are positioned on said keyboard module to engage with said electrical connector at said at least two allowable positions including a first allowable position wherein said keyboard module is positioned such that substantially all of said display is covered, a second allowable position wherein said keyboard module is positioned such that a predefined portion of said display is exposed, and a third allowable position wherein said keyboard module is positioned such that substantially all of said display is exposed.
44. (new) The device of claim 42 wherein said electrical connector and said at least one mating connector carry power to operate said keyboard module and carry input and output signals between said keyboard module and said host unit.
45. (new) The device of claim 40 wherein said holding mechanism releases said keyboard module from said host unit when said device is subjected to an impact that may otherwise damage said device.

46. (new) The device of claim 40 wherein said keyboard module includes a power source and a wireless input/output link to communicate with said host unit.
47. (new) The device of claim 40 wherein said host unit conforms to one of a hand-held form factor and a tablet form factor.